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SUBJ: RHODESIA: PRESIDENT KHAMA SPEAKS OUT

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1. PRESIDENT KHAMA'S SPEECH MAY 5 TO RULING BDP PARTY CONGRESS ADDRESSED WITH UNUSUAL (FOR GOB) DIRECTNESS THE TWO OVERRIDING FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS THAT PLAGUE BOTSWANA, NAMELY, NAMIBIA (REFTEL) AND RHODESIA. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF KHAMA REMARKS TO CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA.

2. QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AS FRANKLY AS I CAN TODAY ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. WE NEED PEACE IN RHODESIA BUT WE MUST ACCEPT THAT PEACE CANNOT COME TO THAT COUNTRY AS LONG AS
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THOSE WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM CONTINUE TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE OBJECTIVES FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE WAS LAUNCHED SOME YEARS AGO. WE HAVE TODAY IN RHODESIA AN EVERGROWING ASSORTMENT OF LEADERS ALL OF WHOM CLAIM TO REPRESENT THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE RHODESIAN PEOPLE. AND YET THESE LEADERS HAVE PERSISTENTLY REFUSED TO HARMONISE THEIR STRATEGIES AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHAT

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THEY CONSIDER TO BE THEIR COMMON GOAL: THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN CONDEMNED BY THE REST OF THE WORLD BECAUSE IT DOES NOT ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE REAL PROBLEMS THAT ARE FACING RHODESIA. OUTSIDE RHODESIA WE ARE FACED WITH ENDLESS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE BRITISH AND THE AMERICANS, NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE SO FAR PROVED FRUITLESS. AND WE ASK OURSELVES WHETHER OR NOT SOMETHING HAS GONE WRONG SOMEWHERE. IF NEITHER THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT NOR THE EXTERNAL NEGOTIATIONS CAN BRING INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM TO RHODESIA, WHAT CAN? ARE WE TO BE MADE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM?

ON THE CONTRARY, WE REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM IS INSOLUBLE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY HUMAN PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION. IN THE CASE OF RHODESIA, BOTH THE PROBLEM AND THE SOLUTION LIE SQUARELY WITH THE RHODESIAN LEADERS, BOTH WHITE AND BLACK. BECAUSE THESE LEADERS HAVE BECOME PART OF THE PROBLEM OF THEIR COUNTRY THEY MUST OF NECESSITY BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT AS LONG AS THE SCHISM BETWEEN THE INTERNAL LEADERS AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OUTSIDE RHODESIA CONTINUES TO WIDEN BOTH THE INTERNAL LEADERS AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL REMAIN PART OF THE PROBLEM. MEANWHILE, MANY INNOCENT LIVES IN RHODESIA AS WELL AS IN THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES WILL BE LOST.

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THE PARTIES TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT MUST KNOW THAT A SETTLEMENT WHICH DOES NOT END THE WAR IN RHODESIA AND CANNOT LIFT SANCTIONS IS NOT WORTH THE PAPER IT IS WRITTEN ON. THEY MUST KNOW THAT THEY HAVE NOW JOINED A REGIME WHICH HAS BEEN KILLING THEIR OWN PEOPLE FOR THE PAST TWELVE YEARS AND WILL CONTINUE TO KILL THEM IN THE FUTURE AS LONG AS THERE IS NO GENUINE SETTLEMENT. THEY MUST KNOW THAT THEY WILL HENCEFORTH BECOME PARTY TO EVERY ACT OF AGGRESSION, TO EVERY ATROCITY PERPETRATED AGAINST NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES BY THE TERRORIST FORCES OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT REGIME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, BY THEIR UNCOMPROMISING STANCE AND COMMIT-MENT TO SOME DISTANT VICTORY ON THE BATTLEFIELD THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ARE RUNNING THE RISK OF MISSING THE CHANCE TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF ZIMBABWE. WE APPRECIATE THAT IT IS BECAUSE OF THEIR EFFORTS THAT SMITH HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO TALK ABOUT MAJORITY RULE BUT WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR COUNTRY. WE HAVE ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT THIS IS THE IDEAL FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF WHICH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS BEEN MAKING SO MANY SACRIFICES: THAT THEIR PEOPLE MAY BE ABLE TO DECIDE IN FREEDOM AND PEACE IN WHOSE

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HANDS THEY WISH TO PLACE THEIR DESTINY.

OUR POLICY IS QUITE CLEAR WITH REGARD TO THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT. WE HAVE NEVER WISHED OR TRIED TO IMPOSE ANY PARTICULAR RHODESIAN LEADER ON THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA BECAUSE WE WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY OUTSIDER TO IMPOSE A LEADER ON THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA. THEREFORE, OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT IS DETERMINED NOT BY OUR DESIRE TO ENSURE THAT ONE PARTICULAR RHODESIAN LEADER IS INSTALLED IN THE SEAT OF POWER IN THAT COUNTRY BUT BY OUR DESIRE TO ENSURE THAT PEACE COMES TO RHODESIA AND FREEDOM TO ITS PEOPLE. LET THERE BE NO ILLUSIONS OR MISUNDERSTANDINGS AS TO WHAT WE WANT FOR RHODESIA. WHAT WE WANT FOR THAT COUNTRY CANNOT BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED FOR OUR OWN PEOPLE: INDEPENDENCE,
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FREEDOM AND PEACE.

WHAT WE WANT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO APPRECIATE AND THE INTERNAL LEADERS TO KNOW IS THAT THEIR CONFLICT IS BECOMING TOO COSTLY NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA BUT ALSO FOR THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES. NO COUNTRY WILL SACRIFICE ITS FREEDOM IN ORDER THAT THE PERSONAL AMBITIONS OF THE LEADERS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY CAN BE REALISED. OUR PEOPLE HAVE EVERY REASON TO ASK WHY THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO DIE WHILE THE RHODESIANS ARE ENDLESSLY ARGUING AMONG THEMSELVES AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE FREE OR NOT. WE CANNOT GO ON LIKE THIS WITHOUT RUNNING THE RISK OF LOSING OUR OWN FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. WE THEREFORE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF AN ALL-PARTY CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS AT WHICH, WE EARNESTLY HOPE, A LASTING SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND TO THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT. PEACE FOR RHODESIA IS PEACE FOR ALL OF US AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO SPARE NO EFFORTS FOR ITS REALISATION. UNQUOTE.
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